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Singer Charged With Vandalizing House He Once Owned

The frontman for the rock band Puddle of Mudd is scheduled to be arraigned today on charges that he caused damage to a house he had previously owned, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Wesley Scantlin (dob 6/9/72) was charged in case BA443475 with one count each of felony vandalism and misdemeanor trespassing. He is expected to be arraigned today in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

Scantlin is accused of breaking into a house in the 1500 block of Sunset Plaza Drive that he had recently lost in foreclosure. Prosecutors said Scantlin allegedly broke a window, attempting to get inside the house. When that apparently failed, he is accused of getting a locksmith to change the locks.

Scantlin allegedly ripped an alarm system out of a wall and other damage was found to a garage door and plumbing. Total damage was nearly \$7,000.

Scantlin was found at the house on Jan. 9 and arrested.

Prosecutors are recommending bail be set at \$20,000. If convicted as charged, he faces a possible maximum sentence of three years in county jail.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the <u>Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office</u> prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.